"Some o' you come wid me," he said: "he's killed intoirely, I'm afeered—he fell into the glen, an' his cries are ringin' in me ears!"

It was decided that the prisoner,

who was surly and who refused to open his mouth, be left in charge of one of the stalwart young men, while the other accompanied Tighe and Mrs. Carmody, and Moira volun-teered to go and tell Father Meagher.
"An' if he's so badly hurt that he

won't bear much movin', where'll we take him?" said Tighe? "Oh, I have it; I'll take him into our house, mother—it's only a little piece beyant where's he's lyin'." All departed on their various

"Aisy; even if he is a robber, he has a sowl," said Tighe, as his companion and himself, having scrambled down the descent, were about lifting the writhing, groaning

It was that of a large, heavy man, and having fallen head foremost, the face was downward. They lifted him carefully and turned his face to the moonlight. It was Mortimer Carter. Tighe, in his surprise, well-nigh ceased his

"Well, you ould sinner," he said, as soon as he recovered from his astonishment sufficiently to speak; "you've got yer desarts at last, an' it's a wondher Almighty God didn't

shtrike you afore!"
They tried in vain to bear him from the glen—the ascent was too steep; and though Tighe had felt confident of being able to do so, he found now that with every effort he made he but incurred the danger of all three being precipitated backupon the stones again, his head lying in Tighe's lap, while Tighe's companion went to arouse some of the people who lived near, in order to get more effectual assistance.

Carter was dreadfully injured; his arm and one of his legs seemed broken, and his face was a frightful mass of blood and bruises, beside some internal injury which caused a

groan with every breath.
"Mebbe now you'll confiss all the wrong that you done to Lord Heath-cote," Tighe could not refrain from saying, "now, when there's no hope for you; for if you do get over this, which isn't loikely, seein' the luk o' you this minit, you'll be thrans-ported for the way you broke into the praste's house."
"Transported!" said Carter,

faintly, and striving to look up into

it, an' the villain that was wid you is taken—he's a prisoner this minit, willin' enough, I guiss, to tell all he knows.

Tighe was not so sure of the truth of his last words, but, with his usual cunning, he hazarded the remark. A deeper groan than any had yet given issued from Carter, and a worse agony than that caused by his physical pain dis-

array of the neighbors, and in a little while, by the help of ropes, a chair, and sturdy hands, the still insensible Carter was borne up, and sible form of Marie in his arms, to carried to Mrs. Carmody's residence, where Father Meagher had which he, being within, would have

'Confess your crimes for the sake of your poor soul, Mortimer Carter," was the priest's answer; "seek the pardon of your offended God while there is yet time."
"God—pardon—there is none for

me!" shrieked the agonized wretch.
"There is," whispered the clergy man, "even at this late moment, if you are sorry for the past, and will make what atonement may be in

your power."

"No, no," screamed the despairing man, "there is only hell's fire for my soul; see, Marie Dougherty! the young wife that I tore from her home, that I slandered to her husband — she taunts me—she husband in the standard of the standard in th

wretched life.
"Die.!" he said, when Father
Meagher whispered his danger in
his ear, and besought him to prepare for his end: 'shall die?' "who says that I

He would have forced himself erect in the bed, but they held him erect in the bed, but they have the bed, but the bed, but they have the bed, but the bed, but they have the bed, but the bed, but they have the bed, but the bed, but they have the

"I tell you I have years of life before me, only do not prosecute me—tell me, Father Meagher, that you will not!" and he tried to clutch the priest, who was standing by his bedside.

The clergyman whispered that he would not and the dying man be-

would not, and the dying man be-came quieter, during which time Father Meagher seized the opportunity to say:
"Carter, are you willing to do

justice to those you have wronged? will you state now, in the presence of witnesses, that Marie Dougherty was innocent of all that you said of her? that the story which Rick of the Hills told of your crimes is all true?" true?"
"Yes, yes!" was the faint re-

sponse.
"Will you let me take down, from your lips, such facts as may be required to convince Lord Heathcote of the innocence of his wife and will you swear to them in the presence of the witnesses 1 shall

All were summoned within the room-Carroll, who had now arrived, Tighe a Vohr, his mother and two of the neighbors who had been foremost in helping the injured man, and Father Meagher, rapidly jot-ting down the brief facts which were necessary to convince Lord Heathcote; Carter was assisted to rise, and his feeble hand was guided while he affixed his dying mark to the paper; then were appended the signatures of the witnesses. After that he sunk into a fevered slumber.

Father Meagher, with crucifix in hand, knelt beside him, striving with Heaven that contrition might be vouchsafed this wretched soul. He woke to know the priest for an instant, then to glare at him with eyes whose look the clergyman never forgot, and to give such an unearthly scream that every one within reach of the sound was startled, and then, with one wild startled, and then, with one wild expressions at the unexpected news, as the content of the sound was startled, and then probe for another sight of his children—broke forth into joyful expressions at the unexpected news, as the content of the sound was a startled, and then probe for the sound was a startled, and the price to the sound with a least of the sound was a startled and the sound was a startled with a least of the sound was a startled with a least of the sound was a startled was a startled with a least of the sound was a startled w gasp, to die—unshriven, unrepent-acknowledging to Walter that for ant, the soul of Mortimer Carter the last few days he had been strughad gone to its Maker.

> CHAPTER LIX. A HAPPY RESTORATION

the face above him.

"Yis; what else would it be," said Tighe, "wid all the proof that's agin you? mesel' an' the two min that were wid me saw the whole o' mer Carter was laid in the ground. without a regret being passed above his coffin, and with only the prayer said over his remains that charity prompted. The money for which he had toiled and schemed, for which he had sacrificed his soul, having no one to claim it, reverted to that government whose spy and

Come," he said, seizing a hand of each; "he knows all, and he is convinced—he yearns for you, he waits to clasp you both!" informer he had been. His accomplice in the surrepti-tious entrance to Father Meagher's Yes, there he stood in the center of his private apartment, actually standing, though his feeble strength torted his features.

"Will nothing save me?" he gasped.

"Yis," said Tighe, fairly trem
touse, who was no other than Thade, Carter's paid spy, being told of Carter's death, and hoping to obtain some mitigation of the "Yis," said Tigne, fairly trembling with the hope which filled him, "if you will confiss the guilt that you denied in Lord Heathcote's prisince, I'll ingage that Father Meagher'll not prosecute you for this."

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"I will confess," gasped Carter, the latter, not knowing that Marie had gone to the home of Rick of the Hills, to be absent until morning, had stolen after midnight to the pastoral residence, and noiselessly cutting a pain and exhaustion, he fainted.

"Oh, blissed mother av God, kape him aloive—don't let him die till he sets matthers right!" prayed Tighe, while he kent an accordance in the found it easy to insert his hard. then, from the combined effects of pain and exhaustion, he fainted.

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His sudden strength gave way, that done, he had noiselessly the murmured; "it is as if my lost one had returned to me my poor, injured, slandered lost one!"

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His sudden strength gave way, that done, he had he was borne to his bed, but with his children about him: Marie's hand performing for him while his companion waited with his children about him: Marie's hand performing for him while his companion waited with his children about him: Marie's hand performing for him while his companion waited with his children about him: Marie's hand performing for him while he kept an agonized watch on the murmured; "it is as if my lost one had returned to me— my lost one had returned to me—

performed for the sick and lonely poor.
With the next day came a transient return of strength, and while it lasted the nobleman would work. which he, being within, would have it lasted the nobleman would work. Lawyers and friends whose friend-sciousness to know the clergyman. The latter had been told by Tighe of the promises which had been made by himself and the injured man. ship he had tested, and whom he man. "Will you prosecute me for this act," said Carter, wildly, his very agony giving him strength for the moment, "if I confess the crimes I have committed?"

of Tighe's voice calling to his companions, had whipped up his horse and escaped; Thade gave his name and description, but the officers of the law were unable to find him.

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Father O'Communication and the communication of the estate, comprising a much larger portion than Marie dreamed of, would be divided between her and Father O'Connor, now compelled to

his evil ways.
Father O'Connor was summoned
to Dhrommacohol, and just as he
had heard a full account of Carter's
death a letter came from Walter assume his true name of Berkeley When all was completed Lord Heathcote laid his head on the pillow again with an air of intense relief. Berkeley, he who had been so well known as Captain Dennier. The letter contained an alarming account of Lord Heathcote's failing. Walter wrote a faithful account "No, no," screamed the despairing man, "there is only hell's fire for my soul; see, Marie Dougherty! the young wife that I tore from her home, that I slandered to her husband—she taunts me—she curses me! Oh God! I am damned—damned!"

It was horrible to look at him; horrible to listen to his ravings. He tore away the bandages which charitable hands had put upon his wounds, and the blood spurted health, and Father Meagher, perceiving Marie's eyes fill with tears, and Father O'Connor looked troubled, said, with his hand on the young priest's shoulder:

"And can I make them a fruit father's death seemed so near, his guests would remain until the end.

"Charlie—forgive me—William, it is but just that you all, father and children, should meet once though expressing himself satisfied that his children should be of the paper signed by Carter; I shall telegraph to the Bishop for leave of absence for you, and Father of all to the anxious dear ones in ment

CARROLL O'DONOGHUE

CHRISTINE FABER

Authoross of "A Mother's Sacrifice." etc.

CHAPTER LVIII.—Continued

"Some o' you come wid me," he said; "he's killed intoirely, I'm afeered—he fell into the glen, an his cries are ringin' in me ears!"

McShane will go down to your place blashed as substitute."

Marie hailed the proposition with frantic delight; the young priest, with some misgiving as to whether it was quite his duty to leave his bedside tenderly holding one of his hands, the Episcopal clergyman came and read the prayers prescribed by the Church, and the old his internal injuries fatal, and a few hours at most would end his beloved parish for the sake of visiting a parent who had even doubted the evidence of his own heart; and the proposition with some misgiving as to whether it was quite his duty to leave his once of his evidence of his own heart; and the proposition with frantic delight; the young priest, with some misgiving as to whether it was quite his duty to leave his once of his own heart; and the evidence of his own heart; and the eviden

for the courtly funeral; and when the obsequies were over, and every-thing pertaining to the strange events which had been made public regarding Lord Heathcote's early life was arranged, then all turned their faces once more to Ireland.
TO BE CONTINUED

the prospect of a separation from his affianced, short though it might be; he would have accompanied her, but Father Meagher said

prises a time and a place upon which you must not intrude—Lord Heathcote's family must be alone until this dreadful business is finished."

So the brother and sister departed, first telegraphing the time of their start from Dhrommacohol, and that they bore important news.

What was their surprise, on their arrival in London, to be met by a

emblazoned carriage, drawn by two magnificent horses.
"Mr. Berkeley sent it for you.

said the liveried servant; and with wondering looks at each other, the

brother and sister took their seats

Could that be their destination-

that palatial edifice before which the carriage stopped? It was, for Berkeley himself, too impatient to wait, at the first sound of the

wheels grating on the space before the house had come forth, and was

descending the broad stone steps. Another moment, and he was em-

bracing his brother and sister. He drew them within the house, so

-when he read the signatures of

and in the meantime you can rest, and partake of some refreshment."

Lord Heathcote. In a compara-

tively short time, however, he

rejoined his brother and sister-his

face aglow, his form so violently trembling that his very voice quiv-

within the handsome vehicle.

A HEART-Y VALENTINE

By Marjorie LaFleur in Rosary Magazine The corner stationery shop was displaying a fascinating array of valentines. Betty Roberts, on her way home from school, stopped to admire the windowful of lacey hearts, with their decorations of cupids and ribbons. A pile of old-fashioned "comics" at one side servant in livery who mentioned their names, asking respectfully if he was correct. Being answered in the affirmative, he requested them to follow him; he led the way to an

send it to Joe Brent, just to get even for his teasing me about my red hair!"

A few moments later Betty was

the gleeful possessor of a hideous caricature labelled "The Carpenter," with a sarcastic and badly rhymed "poem" beneath it. Hastening to the post-office, she addressed and stamped the envelope and dropped it in the slot, to be delivered the following morning at her tormentor's home.

were its only occupants.

excited, so eager to tell them his news that he could hardly wait to hear their tidings; and when he heard, when he held the paper and Her mother's anxious face appeared at the door. saw upon it that blotted mark—the hand had been so weak that made it the witnesses, he fell upon his knees and said aloud:
"My God! I thank Thee."
Rising, he told them how on the while I go down to Brents. receipt of their telegram he had acquainted his father with the facts, and the suffering nobleman—already strangely softened because

Without stopping för a reply Mrs. Roberts hurried away, and Betty slowly entered the nursery where Baby Jack was playing in a patch

gling with himself to subdue his pride and send for them. "I shall go to him now," said young Berkeley, "and tell him all; and two little sisters. the outskirts of the town, which helped a great deal, but Mrs. Brent He rung for a servant to conduct his guests to separate suites of private apartments, and he repaired

nothing to add to their income.

Thinking of these things, Betty had not permitted him to assume that position for days before—his arms outstretched, his stern face now softened to inimitable tender—now softened to inimitable tender—far from funny.

"I know!" she cried happily. Tomorrow's the 14th of February, and I'm going to send them a valen-

shocked face.
"But this won't be an ordinary valentine!" she answered. "Why can't we send them a box like you read about in the 'Messenger'?"
Mrs. Roberts understood and entered heartily into the plan.

several outgrown dresses that are warm and good yet. And Jack's things will do for Jean!" "Betty's eyes shone with excite-

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fashioned "comics" at one side attracted her attention.

"I wish I could find one about a carpenter," she said aloud, as she turned to enter the store. "I'd

As Betty came in sight of her own house, she glanced mischievously to its roof, which for several days young Brent had been re-shing-To her surprise, two sparrows

"I've been watching for you for half an hour, Betty," she called. "I want you to look after the baby ran a rusty nail through his foot about two o'clock, and Dr. Wall took him home in his car. Isn't that dreadful, when his family needs him so?"

of February sunshine.
Joe's misfortune would, indeed,

be a blow to the Brents. The fifteen-year-old boy had left school the year before, and his earnings had barely taken care of his mother They owned a tiny shack and a small garden on was not at all well and could do

suddenly remembered the valentine she had mailed so gleefully a short time before. What would she not give to be able to recall it! To send such a sarcastic missive to a per-fectly well boy who good-humoredly teases you about red hair is a very different matter from sending it to one laid up with a painful wound, and hopelessly wondering what is to become of his mother and sisters until he is better. Betty Roberts had never felt so ashamed in all her

little Jeanwas just bursting through her faded rompers!" Betty's face brightened suddenly. "I know!" she cried happily.

Mrs. Roberts looked incredulously at her daughter.
"Elizabeth Mary Roberts!" she said. "Are you crazy? How in the world could people in such trouble enjoy a valentine?" Betty laughed at her mother's

That would certainly be a splendid valentine, Betty," she said with enthusiasm. "Marie is quite a bit smaller than you are, and you have